

THE COMING
SHOWDOWN
On the American
Strike Front

—EDITORIAL—

The Northwest lumber strike is the most vital labor struggle on the Pacific Coast since last year's maritime walkout. And its events are following the same course. It has the added significance of occurring in a more critical period.

Thirty-five thousand men are out bringing the lumber industry to a virtual standstill, the strike extending as far South as Eureka, Calif.

As in the maritime struggle, the functioning of a rank and file strike committee has defeated every effort of the employers to betray the workers through the trickery of fake union officials.

Labor commands the vast strength that performs every necessary task in America. It comprises the whole life and energy of industry—the only wealth producing agency. When labor withdraws that energy, the mills are dead hulks—meaningless, powerless.

Strikes are not the witchcraft of agitators. Men take strike action when all other means of securing decent wages and conditions have proved fruitless. When they walk out, the proposition is that they will not return until their demands are met.

THE REAL POWER

They hold the power in their hands. The mills are dead. This in itself is mute testimony of the parasitic uselessness of the employer, who possesses all, compared with the worker, who possesses only his labor power.

The employer has three alternatives: to trick the men back to work through the treachery of fake union officials; to drive them back by violence; or to meet their demands. The latter course is never taken until the first two have been exhausted.

In the maritime strike, when the treacherous diplomacies of Joseph Ryan and his reactionary machine (including Scharrenberg) failed, waterfront employers set out to smash the walkout by brute force, utilizing the police, the national guard, and hired gangsters with as much ease as a King commands his Royal Army. This move was answered by a General Strike of all organized labor.

TRICKERY FAILS

Abe Muir is the Joseph Ryan of the Northwest Lumber strike. When his betrayals failed to trick the men back into the mills, the Lumber Barons resorted to bare faced dictatorship. Wielding the powers of government as readily as their own office staffs, they had Governor Martin of Oregon order an attack on the picket lines by the entire State police force. Efforts of the strikers to obtain an injunction against this violence through the circuit court of Judge James W. Crawford have thus far been blocked by red tape. All organized labor of the Northwest is shaping its forces to reply to the attack.

But the Lumber strike is seen falsely if regarded as a separate struggle complete in itself. It is only one element in a general situation—one sector of an enormous battle front.

SHOW DOWN APPROACHING

This issue between capital and labor in America is rapidly coming to a head. Events of the next few months bid fair to be the most crucial the nation has ever faced. The outcome will depend upon whether labor can recognize the scattered elements of this situation as a unified struggle, and whether labor can meet that situation as a unified body acting in its own interests.

Related to the struggle of the lumber workers, is the fact that waterfront employers have issued ultimatums to all maritime unions demanding that rank and file leaders be eliminated, all strike actions cease and all issues be delivered into arbitration. Simultaneous with this, a strong movement is gaining momentum in the unions toward establishing democracy by ousting officials that employers maneuvered into the unions by appointment, and replacing them by officials elected out of the membership. Agreements existing between the maritime unions and employers are due to expire on September 30, this year, and there is some expectation that employers will repudiate them even before then.

WAGE CUT DRIVE

The greatest wage cutting drive in American history is now in progress over the whole country. Employees are being discharged by the thousands, hours are being increased and speed-up effected. This is being met by a growing strike wave.

In the agricultural fields, men are offered employment at wages as low as fifteen cents per hour and if they refuse, they are thrown off relief rolls. The Roosevelt ad-

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SEAMEN SCORE STATE A.F.L. FOR WAR ON UNIONS

VANDELEUR RAPPED FOR SUPPORTING HIS PAL SCHARRENBURG

MWIU Men Admitted

GREEN ASKED TO KEEP SCHARRENBURG OUT OF A.F.O.F.L.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17—

The Sailors Union of the Pacific here last night, in a sharply worded resolution, severely condemned the Executive Committee of the State Federation of Labor for its recent action in attacking the rank and file while rushing to support the reactionary Paul Scharrenberg who has been ousted from the union by a coast-wide vote.

A second resolution called upon the National Executive Committee of the International Seamen's Union to deny any appeals which Scharrenberg may set on foot to make and also called upon President William Green to refuse Scharrenberg membership in any American Federation of Labor union.

The more than 300 members present unanimously passed a motion to throw the union books open to any former Marine Workers' Industrial Union members, and put forth the motion by demanding that any official who discriminated against MWIU men be tried, and if found guilty, be expelled from the union.

Two MWIU members were voted into the union on the strength of the motion. A motion demanding constitutional changes which would allow chairmen of meetings to be elected from the floor also was passed and will go to a coast-wide vote.

The motion censuring the State Federation will be sent to other L.S.U. locals on the coast for concurrence and also will be sent to the Maritime Federation for ratification.

Pedro Seamen Back July 5 Observance

RANK AND FILERS WANT MASS ACTION ON MODESTO CASE

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 17—July 5 officially was endorsed as a holiday at the meeting of the Sailors Union of the Pacific held here last week. A motion also was passed to the effect that any seaman who works that day would be classed as a scab and that ships at sea must fly flags at half mast.

A letter from the secretary of the Defense Committee for the Modesto frameup was read and a motion was passed to continue the local defense committee, despite contrary instructions carried in the letter. Local sentiment is strongly in favor of calling for mass protest against the Modesto frameup.

Friedl of the Firemen's Union, noted reactionary, objected when the Sailors proposed to allow the American Youth Congress to use the hall Wednesday night. Friedl complained the Youth organization was a "red" group. The Sailors told him that the Youth were going to use the hall and that if he didn't like it "he could get to hell out."

JOHN L. LEWIS AND ROOSEVELT STALL OFF COAL STRIKE WITH ANOTHER TRUCE

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17—Another "truce" has stalled off the strike of the 450,000 soft coal miners of America, with a new extension to June 30 agreed to by John L. Lewis.

On June 14 President Roosevelt, right on schedule in the elaborate stalling maneuvers, made an appeal that the miners stay at work, instead of walking out June 16 in answer to the U.M.W.A. strike call. Lewis promised Roosevelt, immediately, to withdraw his strike orders, smoothly stipulating that he wanted the producers to continue the present

Traitors Join Drive Against Marine Unions

A. F. OF L. OFFICIALS ECHO CRY OF EMPLOYERS AGAINST "REDS"

Defy Rank and File

SECRECY TO SHROUD ALL CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL MEETINGS

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18—

Breach between maritime workers and the employer controlled machine in the upper officialdom of the unions widened yesterday when the executive committee of the State Federation of Labor took a definite stand with ship owners against the men.

Expulsion of the labor cheat Scharrenberg from the Sailors' Union by an almost unanimous vote of the membership was scored by the officials who passed a resolution almost identical in content to the ultimatum issued to maritime and longshore unions by the Waterfront Employers' Association.

* Communists Threatened.

Describing their attack as a drive against "Communists," the officials proclaimed their intention of eliminating rank and file leaders from the unions. This coincides with the strong movement afoot in San Francisco unions to oust these very officials and elect honest leaders out of the rank and file.

As a further move toward maintaining their grip on the unions, the reactionary machine in the Central Labor Council has put through a ruling whereby all meetings will henceforth be secret and the public barred from admittance.

* Sharp Resentment.

Sharp resentment was expressed along the waterfront this morning against the executive committee resolution. Indications are that the controversy arising out of Scharrenberg's expulsion will develop into a major struggle for control of the unions between the fake union officials and the rank and file.

Coming at a time when employers are launching an attack upon the waterfront unions, it is significant that the capitalist papers are lending uniform support to both the reactionary pro-Scharrenberg machine and to the waterfront employers.

* Voice of Shipowners.

In the words of one waterfront worker interviewed this morning: "No sooner had we kicked out Scharrenberg than the capitalist papers went crazy. Anybody knows that these sheets are speaking for the shipowners themselves. They didn't want Scharrenberg kicked out because he's one of their own men. That's the very reason we expelled him."

"It is also clear that Vandeleur and the rest of the Central Labor Council machine are employers' men, otherwise the capitalist sheets wouldn't be supporting them."

"Vandeleur and the rest of his machine know that when we begin to expel traitors out of San Francisco labor, they're standing right in the line of fire. That's why they want closed meetings (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6.)"

Weekly Reports Of All Central Labor Meetings

With the approach of the expiration of waterfront agreements on Sept. 30, employers are already launching their drive to smash the maritime unions. Naturally, their trump card is to maneuver through their representatives, the reactionaries in the Central Labor Council, to place themselves in a more strategic position for this drive and to hide proceedings from the rank and file, was the real reason for closing the meetings of the Council.

In the face of the current wages cutting drive and the developing strike wave, closed Council meetings become a danger to union men in every industry.

It is important that you know exactly what is going on at these meetings. The WESTERN WORKER will carry a full and complete report every week of all proceedings within the Central Labor Council. The only other printed reports will be in the Labor Clarion, censored by the fakers themselves, and in the capitalist press which is the voice of the employers.

MOONEY WRIT HEARING SET FOR JUNE 27

SUPREME COURT FORCED TO HEAR APPEAL

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18—The application of Tom Mooney for a writ of habeas corpus will come before the Supreme Court of California on June 27. This will be a purely formal procedure, with the real hearing to be set for a later date.

If the state fails to contest the writ, Mooney will be freed. If it contests the case, and there is every reason to think it will, because of the strong antibias of Attorney General U. S. Webb, then a hearing will be held at which Mooney will be present.

As the Supreme Court has in previous decisions uniformly ruled against Mooney, the only way to free him this time is by mass pressure, exerted first on the Attorney General, and then on the Court itself. The members of the Supreme Court are elected, and can only be forced to disregard their class interests by militant mass pressure.

Farm Leader Disappears

Carl Patterson, California State organizer of the United Farmers' League has disappeared. He was last seen in Petaluma, but nothing has been known of his whereabouts since May 12.

Anyone who has any information that would help to locate him please write to Box 2064, Fresno, Calif.

PROTEST STOPS FELONY CHARGE IN CHICO CASE

INVESTIGATION OF RACE RIOT AND FRAME-UP DEMANDED

U. S. Army Involved

L. A. LABOR CONFERENCE JOINS FIGHT FOR NEGRO BOYS

BULLETIN

A wire has been received from Chico that the assault charges against the four Negro boys have been reduced to "disturbing the peace." The quick action of the International Labor Defense on this case, together with the publicity given it have thus forced the frame-up artists to back down. More pressure is needed to force immediate and unconditional release of the prisoners. Flood the Chico court with letters and telegrams of protest.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17—In a letter to the Secretary of War in Washington, D. C., the International Labor Defense, District No. 13, vigorously protests the frame-up of the four Negro boys now held in Chico on charges of assaulting an army officer. The letter said:

"Four Negro boys, Donald Johnson, 20; Cornelius Smith, 21; John Boyd, 22; Augustus Swift, 24; who have been stationed at CCC Camp Cohasset, near Chico, Calif., are framed up on charges of 'assault with a deadly weapon' after a race riot in the camp."

We demand an immediate investigation and the removal of all officers found to be involved in the frame-up or who may have in any way connived with the white boys stationed at the camp to segregate and discriminate against the Negroes in the camp which connivance resulted in the race riot.

The evidence already developed, at the first session of the preliminary hearing, conclusively proves that the Negro boys were greatly terrorized and in actual danger of death from attacks by the white boys. And far from at-

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FASCIST BILLS DISCARDED AS SESSION ENDS

LEGISLATURE END SEES NO BILLS FAVORING LABOR PASSED

SACRAMENTO, June 18—The longest session of the California Legislature ever held adjourned Sunday night at 11:55. A vain attempt was made to balance the budget and finish most of the tasks confronting the legislature at the last minute.

Without passing any pro-labor bills, the liberal element in the legislature managed to prevent the passage of most of the anti-labor bills. Of some nine measures directed primarily against the Communist Party, only one managed to pass both houses of legislature. This is Assembly Bill 106, which was designed to prevent liberal groups from using school halls for meetings and to kick out of school any teacher holding liberal opinions.

* Vicious Tax Measures.

Although there was a very strong Epic representation in the assembly, they managed to bog down and compromise on most of the vicious tax measures proposed. The increase in the sales tax to 3 per cent, and a very light income tax, amounting to only one quarter of the Federal rates, may be attributed to the lack of any organization and program on the part of the Epic group. The one liberal bill that did get through, the short-train bill, was killed by Governor Merriam's veto.

No effective unemployment insurance measure was passed. Instead a bill to supplement proposed legislation before Congress was rushed through. This measure, (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4.)

Lumber Strikers Hold For Original Demands; Protest Halts Terror

REDWOOD ASSOCIATION LEADS ATTACK UPON EUREKA UNIONS

Scab Carries Pistol

BULLETIN IS ISSUED BY LUMBER WORKERS JOINT STRIKE COMMITTEE

EUREKA, Calif., June 17—The Redwood Association, employers' organization, in cooperation with local capitalist newspapers, has become the spearhead in the attack to smash the lumber strike and the Sawmill and Lumber Workers' Union which is leading the walkout.

Other labor unions in Eureka are backing the strikers in as much as the Federated Trade Council has declared the Association unfair to organized labor.

* Longshore Support.

Receipt of a letter by one of the strikers from a longshoreman friend in San Francisco, assuring him the longshoremen are not handling and will not handle scab lumber, has heightened enthusiasm of the workers.

Regular strike bulletins, giving latest developments, are issued by the General Strike Committee of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union, Local 2563. A strike kitchen for pickets is in operation daily.

Police several times have attacked pickets; no one has been seriously injured. One scab was discovered carrying a gun and pickets upon learning he had no permit, prepared to lodge a charge against him.

1100 ARIZONA COPPER MINERS OUT ON STRIKE

PICKETS GO TO JAIL AS SCABS GO TO HOSPITAL

BISBEE, Ariz., June 17—Four striking miners have been arrested since the walkout of 1100 workers at the copper Queen branch of the Phelps-Dodge Corp. on Monday, June 10.

Levi Crandall and Edgar Hargis were arrested June 12, charged with beating a scab. Justice of the Peace J. L. Winters gave Crandall a 20-day suspended sentence and dismissed the charge against Hargis.

Women workers have joined the men on the picket lines and helping in the fight.

Two strikers, Fredrick Sharpe and Nick Elisoff, pleaded guilty in municipal court to beating a scab, Frank Sleim. They each got five days in jail.

The strike is led by the Bisbee Miners Union No. 30, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

UNITED ACTION ON JULY 5 SOUGHT BY RANK AND FILE

Labor's Memorial Day Should Bring Out Unions of Bay Area in Solid Front Against Enemies of Labor

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17—From San Pedro to Seattle not a longshoreman will work on July 5, anniversary of the "Bloody Thursday" on San Francisco's waterfront during last year's maritime strike.

The decision made at the convention of the Maritime Federation to make July 5th a day to commemorate the death of our working class fighters will be carried out with a general strike on the Pacific Coast waterfronts.

The Seamen, Teamsters, and other affiliated unions are invited to join in making this memorial day a united front of labor.

Tentative plans for the Market Street Parade from the Embarcadero propose that the marchers

Chronology of Coast Lumber Strike to Date

APRIL 21—National Lumber Workers' Unity Congress at Tacoma, Wash., backs May 6 Northwest General Lumber Strike call. Demands include a 6-hour day and 5-day week, 76 cents per hour wage basis, abolition of blacklist, hiring through union hall, safety committees in every camp, and no separate agreements.

MAY 9—1,000 out and longshoremen refusing to handle scab lumber.

MAY 13—30,000 out. Weyerhaeuser plant workers at Longview, company union town, join walkout. Seattle red-baiters call for vigilante action.

MAY 16—35,000 out. Abe Muir, vice-president of International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners (A. F. of L.) offers sell-out compromise of 50 cents per hour, 40-hour week and partial union recognition. Eureka lumber workers join strike.

MAY 28—Small, separate "truces," proposed by A. F. of L. fakers endanger strike solidarity. 250 at St. Helens, Ore., join strike.

MAY 30—Reported Abe Muir had ordered 3000 Longview strikers back to work under sell-out terms. Workers actually repudiate entire compromise.

JUNE 3—Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union repudiates Muir and 40 mills and shops closed in S. F. area when members of Carpenters and Joiners walk out. Eureka Federated Trades Council declares Redwood Association unfair.

JUNE 6—Entire Pacific Coast lumber industry tied up as strike spreads throughout Calif. Joint strike committees expose and repudiate Muir treachery.

JUNE 10—Northwest Lumber Workers elect rank and file joint strike committee to fight against A. F. of L. sell-out artists. Militancy grows.

JUNE 13—Humboldt County mills join strike. All stand by original demands.

JUNE 14—Clashes between pickets and police as Oregon's Governor Martin backs employers in ordering state patrolmen to arrest strikers. 257 arrested in one day at Bridal Falls. Communist Party, District 12, calls for wide protest.

* JULY 5TH *

The Western Worker will publish a special commemorative edition for July 5th, the anniversary of "Bloody Thursday," when Howard Sperry and Nick Coudeorakis were murdered on the S. F. Waterfront.

Arrange now to order extra copies for special distribution.

RANK AND FILE GROUP IN CONTROL OF WALKOUT; MUIR IS THROUGH

Governors Aid Bosses

OREGON STRIKERS SEEK INJUNCTION TO STOP POLICE ATTACKS

BULLETIN

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17.—Judge James W. Crawford today backed Governor Martin in the latter's attempt to smash the lumber strike when he denied an application of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' Union for an injunction prohibiting county and state police from attacking picket lines.

The court's decision gives weight to Martin's recent statement that state police would be thrown into the battle on the side of the employers in an attempt to break the strike by terroristic methods.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 17.—Consolidated under the militant leadership of the newly formed rank and file Northwest Joint Strike Committee are more than 40,000 lumber workers who have been out on strike for approximately six weeks.

The sell-out leadership of Abe Muir, reactionary official of the International of Carpenters and Joiners, has been completely repudiated.

Mass protest has been mobilized against the attempts of governors of Oregon and Washington to smash the strike through terror. Protesters are flooding the offices of both executives since their separate declarations to the effect they would place the State Highway Patrols at the disposal of the lumber employers.

Meanwhile the Joint Strike Committee has announced it is preparing to negotiate with the employers for settlement on the basis of the original demands which include 75 cents per hour basic wage, the 30-hour week and union recognition.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17—Widespread protest against the attempt of Governor Charles Martin to prevent picketing had prevented police from making further mass arrests such as were perpetrated last week.

Attention is centered on Judge James W. Crawford's Circuit Court here where union officials are demanding an injunction to prevent police from making additional attacks upon picket lines. Last week Sheriff Martin T. Pratt of Multnomah County and his deputies arrested 237 pickets at the Bridal Veil Mill east of Portland and drove 250 more along the Columbia Highway toward Portland. Deputies attacked pickets at the Stimson Mill Friday night.

All those arrested were held on fake charges of "disturbing the peace" after police had initiated violence and had beaten up several strikers. It is reported state police are patrolling the highway along a 50-mile stretch between Salem and Portland. More than 140 Highway Patrol men have received mobilization orders.

One-man cars mean one man starves! Boycott one-man cars and protest the injunction granted to the Market Street Railway by Judge Louderback.

Meet Us at Housewarming

We're anxious to meet our readers and their friends. So come up to our housewarming party at our new headquarters next Friday evening, June 21, at 121 Haight Street, San Francisco.

The opening of the new center is going to be a rousing affair, with dancing, an entertainment program and refreshments.

We'll see you there. WESTERN WORKER STAFF

I. S. U. BOYCOTTS FINK-HERDING SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE WHEN COP THROWS OUT AND BEATS SAILOR

Community Chest Aids Fink Outfit, Which Gives Coffee Only If Sailors Attend Religious Services In Return

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—Rank and file members of the Sailors Union of the Pacific and other unions within the International Seamen's Union here have launched an effective boycott against the fink-herding Seamen's Institute, locally controlled by Mr. Hopkins. The sailors last week passed a motion to the effect no members of the union henceforth were allowed inside the Institute, at 58 Clay street, on penalty of a \$10 fine for infraction of the rule.

The boycott has grown until not more than five or six seamen are to be found in the Institute at one time. Seamen, who formerly received their mail there, have left forwarding addresses and have removed their luggage.

* Cop Beats Sailor.

The boycott move started when a private cop, hired by the Institute, threw a seaman out of the place and attacked him on the street in front of the building.

The Marine Federation of the Pacific Coast is backing the move of the I.S.U. workers. Reports have been made to the effect finks have been shipped out from the Institute. Hopkins denied this but admitted seamen have been shipped from there aboard foreign ships.

The Seaboard Hotel, on the Embarcadero, is run in connection with the Institute, on the basis of donations from the church groups and from the Community Chest. Seamen are fed, coffee and doughnuts, only if they attend religious services in return.

* Pedro Boycott.

The International Seamen's Church Institute has been known as a fink organization for a long time. At San Pedro the workers have been carrying on a boycott against the Institute for several months.

During the General Strike of last Summer when two workers were murdered by police on the waterfront here, although they had been frequenting the Institute, the officials refused to lower their flag until forced to do so by mass pressure.

Supposed to be a non-profit organization, the Institute keeps a slot machine in the basement near the pool table, to tip the workers of their few cents. The machine was moved from an upstairs room to the basement after many workers had protested against its being in the place at all.

L.A. Red Baiters Hold Hysterical "Patriotic" Meet

LOS ANGELES, June 17.—The Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce staged its Americanism Day program by broadcasting its message of "Peace on Earth, good will to all" except Communists.

The chamber is forming a united front with the American Legion, F.B.I. and others for the purpose of persecuting all militant workers and Communists in particular.

A spokesman, Dr. Glanville, vowed in a voice trembling with emotion he would rather "have the Biltmore Hotel, our city, our state, and even our country taken away, than submit to Communistism." He told his listeners in aggrieved tones that the Communists of California obstructed passage of anti-radical bills in the last legislature and in continuing, plotted the legislature to outlaw the Communist Party.

Crockett Sugar Workers Vote for AFL Affiliation

MARTINEZ, Calif., June 17.—Members in the company union in the local sugar refinery have voted, 50 to 107, to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor. It is expected that the charter may be obtained by July 1.

Recently the workers, I. L. A. Warehousemen, in this plant struck on questions of wages and hours and union recognition. Various maneuvers put the company union over, together with arbitration on the wages and hours question. About 1,800 work in the plant.

URGENT!

The WESTERN WORKER needs some comrades to give help in a special circulation campaign. If you can assist in addressing, wrapping, mailing or typing—(as much time as you can give)

Report at 37 Grove street, San Francisco.
HELP YOUR PAPER GROW

ONE-TIME SCAB NOW BUSINESS MGR. OF UNION

S. F. MILLINERS' LOCAL RUN BY STRIKEBREAKER

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—Maurice Rosenberg, business manager of Millinery Workers' Union, Local No. 40, worked as a scab in the Golden Brothers Shop in Los Angeles during a strike of the Millinery Workers' Industrial Union which, at that time, was the only Millinery workers' union there.

The strike began in June, 1933, and lasted until well into the fall, and brought out about 75 per cent of the workers in the shop.

Herman Marcus, a particular pal of Rosenberg's who is now a foreman in a local hat shop, also scabbed in the same shop, together with his two sons, Marcus and his tribe had their expenses paid to Los Angeles by the Golden Bros. Showroom of San Francisco, and Marcus worked as foreman of the scab crew. Rosenberg worked under Marcus for the duration of the strike.

Rosenberg later "explained" this business by admitting he scabbed, but claimed he did it in a good cause—he helped break the strike because it was led by an industrial union.

This stupid fink seems to have an understanding of the word "solidarity." Perhaps this is one reason why Local No. 40, which he is supposed to be guiding, fails to grow as it should.

Mass Protest In Chico Race Riot Frame-up

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and in some with deadly weapons, the Negro boys pleaded for protection from the officers. It is shocking that under such circumstances charges should be made against the victims rather than the white boys guilty of the "race" riot. We are going to have a "Hell With Your Rights" demonstration in the city.

We call upon you to send a telegram demanding the unconditional release of the above mentioned Negro boys who are held in the Ohio, Calif. Jail.

Yours truly,
INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE, Dist. 13.

Blaine Black,
District Secretary.
Leo Gallagher, world-famous labor defense attorney, has been assigned to handle the boys' case by the I.L.D.

LOS ANGELES, June 17.—The Los Angeles Labor Council, with headquarters at 511 Sherman Bldg., has addressed a protest to President Roosevelt, General MacArthur and C. C. C. headquarters in San Francisco, demanding that Lieutenant Rexell and Captain Holtzman be removed from the city in the race riot which started on May 19 and ended May 20 at Camp Collesette, Chico, Calif., in which about 35 Negro boys were killed while the officers stood by and looked on.

The Conference which has delegates from no less than 23 labor unions, Unemployed League, United Labor and Democratic Clubs, Negro organizations, etc., sent copies of the letter to all delegates for action by their organizations.

A protest movement against this action is under way, headed by the P.W.U.C. Open hearings on the case are demanded in case any changes in the ordinance are contemplated by the City Council.

Boycott Beats Terror in L. A.

Police Promise to Aid SERA Heads Gets Action from Workers: K.K.K. Backed Down in Costa Mesa

LOS ANGELES, June 17.—That the boycott is a powerful weapon in the hands of the unemployed is being proven in instance after instance in Los Angeles county.

Most recent cases where it is being employed with telling effect is at Huntington Park. Here it is being used as a weapon against the merchants to force them to act against police interference with the unemployed.

Across the county line in Orange County at the little town of Costa Mesa, the boycott is being used against the local newspaper publisher who has attacked the unemployed. Detailed stories follow.

* Fight Police Terror.

HUNTINGTON PARK, June 17.—Members of the Public Works Unemployed League, Local 15 of South Gate have threatened to withdraw their trading which amounts to \$80,000 a month from this city if police again interfere in their controversy with officials of the L.A.C.R.A.

Formal protest against police intervention at the L.A.C.R.A. headquarters three weeks ago and notice that they would cease trading locally was made to the Huntington Park city council by C. M. Nedrow, secretary of the P.W.U.C.

The police interference came about three weeks ago when a committee of 40 unemployed waited on V. E. Mahen, director of the local L.A.C.R.A. office. He refused to see more than six and at the end of two hours called the police.

* "Hell With Your Rights."

"Two cars of police arrived," said Nedrow, "led by the day captain. He told us to clear out in a hurry or we'd get the worst of it. When a protest was raised that we were being denied our constitutional rights, he made the statement: 'To hell with your constitutional rights. We'll take care of your constitutional rights.'"

Several days later a committee called upon the police chief, and was told that the police would cooperate fully with the L.A.C.R.A. office. Nedrow declared that if a change is not made the members of P.W.U.C. will cease trading in Huntington Park.

* KKK Backs Down.

COSTA MESA, Calif., June 17.—When Martin, publisher of the local paper, made an unwarranted and ranting attack on the Costa Mesa Workers Club, affiliated with the Public Works Unemployed League, and tried to raise the red scare, the club answered the attack by a counter attack in the form of a boycott.

Martin had published in his sheet a list of 14 persons who had signed the Communist Party petition last summer to put it on the ballot. Some of these signers are members of the workers' club.

Not content with this, Martin in the next issue of his paper claimed he had found a printed skill and crossbones on his door steps. The word death figured prominently in the printed threat.

This faked threat quite obviously emanated from Martin's own print shop. He has the only one in the town.

The club voted that "If Martin doesn't like the town of Costa Mesa and the workers in it, he can go back to Germany and be a little Hitler."

Putting teeth in their action, the club voted to boycott all merchants continuing their advertising in the Costa Mesa paper.

Costa Mesa, residence of several Ku Klux Klaners, expectantly waited for the "Klan to ride again," but was pleasantly disappointed. Refusing to remain on the defensive against the threatened attack by the Klan, the club members invited the Klanmen to come up and "start something, if you think you can get away with it."

Seventy-five Mexican workers came from Santa Ana to aid their fellow workers, as—not a defense squad—an offense squad.

A mass meet was held where the bosses' use of the "Red scare" to attack living standards were protested.

The Costa Mesa Workers Club has 300 members.

* Vigilantes Visited.

TUJUNGA, Calif., June 17.—When six American Legionnaires undertook to organize a vigilante committee here to break up the Public Works Unemployed League by force and terrorism, they only invited a dose of their own medicine.

As soon as the P.W.U.C. learned of the Legionnaires' plans, a strong visiting committee was organized. This committee, with cold precision and deadly earnestness, called upon each of the Legionnaires at his home.

Just one question was asked of each of the Legionnaires. "What are your vigilante intentions toward the P.W.U.C.?"

The Legionnaires have abandoned their brave plans for reviving Judge Lynch. They are all leading exemplary lives now—so far as the P.W.U.C. is concerned.

One abortive effort was made to compete with a P.W.U.C. dance by the American Legion. When 10:30 came and no one had shown up at the American Legion dance, the hangerson deserted their affair and sheepishly came over to the P.W.U.C. dance, paid their money and danced with the unemployed.

MUSTN'T MAKE "TROUBLE" IS NEW SERA RULE

OLD BOSS'S OKEH MUST BE HAD FOR NEW JOBS

LOS ANGELES, June 11.—It will be necessary to obtain a recommendation from the project engineer on previous jobs, vouching for efficiency and compatibility before SERA workers and foremen are assigned to new jobs. This ruling has been just revealed in a project bulletin, and is said to be in conformity with the new Presidential system regarding SERA work.

Foremen, according to this bulletin must not only make a true list of men working each day, but indicate whether in their opinion each man performs a full day's work, or whether any of the man cause "trouble." Foremen failing in this task are threatened with removal.

Union Fakers And Employers Join in Drive

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of the council and that's why they passed that resolution."

* Idiotic Claims.

The resolution itself was couched in phraseology bordering on insanity. Many waterfront workers burst into laughter upon reading: "WHEREAS, Communist character assassins have attempted recently to besmirch the name and reputation of Paul Scharrenberg, whose loyalty and untarnished record of service to the American labor movement has never been questioned, and—"

The resolution wound up with a frantic plea for the workers to expel Communists out of the unions.

* Closed Meetings.

The Central Labor Council resolution to close meetings to the public was carried at last Friday night's meeting (June 14) by a standing vote of 208 to 45.

Vandelaar, who presented the resolution, tried to disguise it as a move against the Industrial Association. He claimed to have "discovered a plot by the Industrial Association of San Francisco to destroy the labor movement."

He further declared that vigilantes had been organized to do the work and that millions of dollars had been collected to finance the undertaking. He alleged that it was necessary to close the meetings in order to prevent the employers from knowing what labor is doing.

A delegate speaking in opposition to the motion, pointed out that closing the meetings to prevent the bosses knowing what went on was useless, inasmuch as there were delegates on the council, representing trades at which they had never worked, and who were connected with the banking interests. He referred to Daniel C. Murphy, ex-senator in the California legislature who is connected with the Bank of America.

* Bombastic Nonsense.

Nobody remarked that Vandelaar's "discovery" of a plot to wreck the labor movement was a bit nutty—since the fact that this is the real function of the Industrial Association is a well known fact.

Mr. Vandelaar gave a brief history of the Jackson mine strike, and expressed a beautiful hope that the mother lode miners would come out victorious. He failed to make suggestions as to how his hopes could be realized. The Council undertook to pay the fines of the arrested pickets—who are facing fines largely because of the fakers' pettifoggish methods.

* Lip Service.

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East of the Rockies

300 FERA Workers Strike

CHEROKEE, Mich., June 17.—300 FERA workers are on strike here in protest against the discharge of one of the members of the American Workers Union, and are demanding higher wage scales. Picketing has stopped all work on relief projects. Brady, the fired worker, was discharged when he refused to work in the rain.

11 Relief Demonstrators Arrested

HOUSTON, Texas, June 17.—Houston police arrested eleven workers here and broke up a peaceful relief demonstration against a 40 per cent wage cut. The International Labor Defense representative was threatened with arrest. When he was asked what charges had been filed against the workers, he was told that "They are Reds—they are liable to be charged with anything."

N.A.A.C.P. Backs Herndon Defense

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has sent a direct request to Chief Justice Charles E. Hughes of the U. S. Supreme Court for permission to file a brief in the Herndon case. The reason given for intervening is that the decision in the Herndon case will have a direct bearing on the security and freedom of the Negroes of America.

St. Louis Housewives on Meat Strike

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 17.—The Housewives Consumers League has declared a city-wide meat buying boycott until meat prices are reduced by the meat packers. Demonstrations Saturday against high meat prices were supported by many retail butchers, who furnished further support for future action.

Longshoremen Defeat Ryan Delegate

NEW YORK, June 17.—The move to oust Joseph P. Ryan from presidency of the International Longshoremen's Association is growing. His latest defeat occurred here when a delegate proposed by him to the International convention of the Association was turned down. Ryan told the workers he "was on the spot" and the West Coast delegates were going to "get him."

Shipyard Strike Threatens to Spread

CAMDEN, N. J., June 17.—The strike of 4000 shipyard workers here received added support when the New London, Conn., Quincy, Mass., and Bath, Maine, locals of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America voted to present demands to their firms and strike if the demands were not granted. Meanwhile more than 2000 turn out for the picket lines daily, stopping work on many destroyers under contract for the United States navy.

12-Hour Day Causes Grocery Strike

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 17.—More than 250 workers of the American Stores Company are on strike over an attempt of the firm to force them to work overtime without pay. The strike was called when eleven workers were discharged after they demanded overtime pay for the twelve and thirteen hour days the company was forcing employees to work.

L.A. WORKER'S SUIT INVOLVES BILL OF RIGHTS

UNLAWFUL ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT BRINGS CIVIL ACTION

LOS ANGELES, June 11.—Chief of police James E. Davis and 11 of his men have been named in a \$20,000 damage suit, involving the bill of rights.

James C. McLean, unemployed leader, seeks the amount from the chief of police and his men for false imprisonment and search of his home during the yellow street car strike last December. McLean, according to his attorney, A. L. Winn, was arrested on suspicion of implication in the burning of a street car during the strike.

* No Warrant.

Previously, the suit charged, on Dec. 5, two officers, Charles R. Smith and Ellis Powers, entered his home at 221 South Olive St. without search warrant and ransacked the premises.

Following his arrest, it was charged, he was imprisoned for 124 hours without a criminal complaint being filed.

* Police Named.

Officers named in the suit, in addition to Davis, Smith and Powers, included: Capt. A. W. Gifford, inspector of police; Frank G. Katzenberger, head of the police explosive detail; Chief of Detectives Joseph Taylor; A. H. Ferns, Joseph Aigner, C. E. Verward, A. G. Christenson, F. R. Parsons, and W. M. Stilson.

McLean has been active in unemployed struggles under the leadership of the Public Works and Unemployed League.

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SCHARRENBURG FEARS TO FACE SAN PEDRO ISU

"MAN WITHOUT A UNION" FAILS TO SHOW UP AS SCHEDULED

LOS ANGELES, June 17.—The Central Labor Council of Los Angeles held a mass meeting Thursday night, June 13th, at which Paul Scharrenberg, the man without a union, was scheduled to speak. In their organ, the "Los Angeles Citizen's News," the Council deplored the action of the militant sailors in kicking out Scharrenberg, and stated that "organized labor (meaning the top officialdom) would fight to retain this self-styled artist despite the action of a handful of radicals in San Francisco."

* Committee Elected.

This move of the Council in slandering the membership of the Sailor's Union was met by the San Pedro Branch with a determined spirit of the rank and file. The delegation stays out to see that Scharrenberg stays out of the union. A committee was elected from the floor to go to Los Angeles on Thursday night and answer any attacks or slanders that Scharrenberg might make on the membership of the I. S. U.

The delegation received credentials from the San Pedro Council and arrived at the meeting on time. Several cars full of seamen also went along to see that no dirty work was done to the delegation.

* Failed to Appear.

The doughty Paul, however, had evidently heard of the intended opposition, because he failed to put in his appearance. Not to make their mission a failure, the seamen demanded the floor half-way through the meeting on the issue of Scharrenberg and the tanker strike. This was refused, however by the reactionary chairman, in spite of cries of "Let them speak" all over the hall. The faked Pasick, sensing the rising tide of militancy in the workers, made a speech that sounded almost as if he was a revolutionist if one didn't know his record.

Railroad Employees Number Cut in Half

NEW YORK, June 17.—Figures revealed today show that the number of railroad workers has fallen in half compared with the post-war peak. In April, according to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the number of railroad workers was 976,526. In 1920, 2,022,832 workers were employed on railroads.

The number of unemployed railroad men has continued to increase, growing 4 per cent in the last year.

Michurin, Soviet Burbank, Is Dead

MOSCOW, June 14.—The Soviet Union is mourning the death of Ivan Michurin, the Soviet Burbank, at the age of 80 years. Michurin was one of the greatest plant wizards of the world; he developed hundreds of new species of fruits to withstand cold winters. By his work the Soviet Union is able to grow fruits which formerly had to be imported.

Police Kill One In Omaha Strike

Women and Children Among 55 Wounded By Police Firing Against the Street Car Strikers

BULLETIN

OMAHA, Neb., June 18.—The governor of Nebraska has called out the national guard to break the strike of Omaha street car workers. According to late reports one man is near death and ten still in the hospital from wounds inflicted by police firing.

OMAHA, Neb., June 17.—One man is dead, and fifty-five persons, including three women and a 14-year-old boy, are wounded, as a result of indiscriminate firing by police on spectators and strikers who attempted to prevent operation of Omaha street cars by scabs in the two-months old street car strike.

In spite of flying squadrons of armed police with orders to shoot to kill, strikers and sympathizers effectively prevented operation of scab cars in South Omaha, where 60,000 workers and their families live. The strikers, none of whom were armed, fought back the armed police with bricks torn from the streets, and overturned and fired more than six street cars.

The number of arrests could not be learned. Police-dispersed crowds who flocked to the city hall to demand the release of strikers arrested or to look for relatives among the many wounded in the attempts to prevent picketing.

Mayor Towl of Omaha appealed to the state to send troops to aid in suppressing the strike. The City Council met and appropriated \$50,000 for the same purpose.

Police terrorism started Wednesday night when tear gas was used to break up a demonstration of strikers. A six-months-old child was overcome and had to be taken to the hospital. When this failed to stop picketing, police began to use loaded guns.

The two-months strike has seen repeated unsuccessful attempts to break it. At one time eight men were arrested on the charge of "riot," and police threatened to use the Criminal Syndicalism Law against those arrested. Alarmed by their lack of success, they have now reverted to outright murder against the strikers.

Thaelmann Written On Factory Ballots Challenge to Nazis

STUTTGART, Germany, June 17.—How German workers defied Hitler and the danger of Nazi reprisals was well illustrated by the factory election that took place here. The anti-fascist workers agreed among themselves that they would cross out the names of the confidential factory commissioners on the Nazi list, and write the name Thaelmann across the ballot. The official election return was 180 yes votes and 150 spoiled ballots.

COOPERS' UNION BREAKING INTO LUMBER STRIKE

JURISDICTIONAL FIGHT WITH STWU THREATENS SOLIDARITY

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—Officials of the International Cooperation Union here are working in conjunction with the owners of the California Barrel Company with plants here and in Arcata, in an attempt to break the strike of the Company in the Northern California plant.

Cooperation Union representatives are attempting to sign up scabs at the Arcata plant and have threatened the Sawmill and Timber Workers Union, Local 2563, of Arcata, with a jurisdictional struggle. Coster, owner of the plants, is an "honorary" member of the Cooperation Union.

* Union Label False.

The Arcata plant employs 350 workers, 90 per cent of whom are on strike. But 50 of these actually are working on barrels and eligible for membership in the Cooperation Union. The company manufactures material with scab labor at Arcata, ships it to San Francisco, where it is assembled and marked with the Union label.

The Sawmill and Timber Workers Union, with 1,700 members in the Redwood District, is affiliated with the International Union of Carpenters and Joiners, Cooperation Union members, who were sent to Arcata at the instance of Boss Coster, have been given free run of the plant. They declared to Timber Workers Union representatives they had no intention of signing up the scabs now working and promised to refer the matter to the International office.

* Seek to Break Solidarity.

However, since then a Cooperation Union representative appeared in Arcata, armed with a charter, and is touring the plant, under the wing of the company vice-president, Edward Vandenberg, of the Central Labor Council here, "refused to have anything to do with the matter," and appeared willing to allow the Cooperation Union, which locally is under his control, to proceed with its strike-breaking activities.

Jobless of Sutter County Must Die to Get Any Real Help

YUBA CITY, Calif., June 1.—All the undertakers in Sutter County fell over each other bidding for the privilege of burying the unemployed. The name of official county undertaker is quite an asset, so Wm. Byrne won with a bid of 1c each, guaranteeing to

Foreign News Briefs

Mexican Leader Backs Wall Street

MEXICO CITY, June 17.—Plutarco Elias Calles in a statement issued recently called upon the Cardenas government to act to suppress the wave of strikes that has been sweeping Mexico. Calles, who is the leading figure of the ruling National Revolutionary Party, although not in any office at present, referred particularly to strikes against the American Telephone Co., the Standard Oil of New Jersey, and other large American and British corporations.

Standard Oil Loses Chaco War

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, June 17.—The British Shell Oil, Ltd., has won the war which ended with the signing of a truce between Paraguay and Bolivia. The loser is the American Standard Oil Company which backed the Bolivian government in the fight for the rich oil and tin lands in the Chaco region. The end of the war finds both countries exhausted, with losses in man power and resources as large as in any imperialist war in which backward countries were used as the pawns of financial interests.

Soviet Tractor Plants Report Successes

MOSCOW, June 12.—The newest of the Soviet Union's tractor plants, at the Kirov plant in Leningrad, has completed its plan for the first four and a half months of this year with great success, turning out 3426 tractors especially designed to work in sugar beet and garden fields. The great tractor plants at Kharkov and Stalingrad have demanded that their plans be increased. They are at present turning out the 40,000 tractors a year each which is the planned capacity of the plants, but they want the plan to be increased to turn out 51,000. When these plants were first opened foreign experts claimed the Russians would never be able to run them.

Communists Gain in Greek Elections

ATHENS, Greece, June 17.—Reports of the election in Greece show that the Communist Party made considerable gains. This was achieved in spite of terrorism which resulted in several of the Party leaders being arrested. By government control of the polls, the monarchist coalition took 285 out of 300 seats contested. Over 30 per cent of the people stayed away from the polls because of the obvious falsity of the election.

Madrid to Practice for Gas Attack

MADRID, Spain, June 17.—Madrid will have a practice in defending itself against a gas attack in the near future. During the mock warfare, citizens will have to don gas masks, hide in cellars, and perform other clap trap connected with the business of arousing a military spirit in the population.

Nazi Loyalty Conference Flops

KOENIGSBERG, Germany, June 17.—The convention of the Association of Germans Abroad, being held here in an effort to boost fascism and gain foreign support for Hitler, finds not a single representative from the United States present. The gathering is largely confined to Germans from countries bordering Germany, who represent various fascist groups.

give the unemployed better service dead, than the relief agencies gave them alive. Hell furnish a redwood casket, burial robe, etc., and haul them to any cemetery in the county.

On the other hand, it takes a militant struggle to get enough relief to keep the workers alive.

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World Military Aviation Shows Rapid Increase

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NEW YORK, June 14.—Following Germany's announcement that she is seeking parity in armaments, the British Prime Minister MacDonald declared "that England would keep peace with Germany no matter how many planes Germany built . . . that the British Government would expand its air program to provide a total of 800 home defense planes as compared with the present 580." Approximately \$119,255,000 has been set aside for this program.

The United States has set aside \$52,000,000 in the Naval Appropriations Bill for the building of 555 planes, bringing the total up to 1193 planes. This is \$33,356,680 more than the current appropriation.

In Germany, there is intense activity at the airbases at Staaken, Doberitz, and Kladow; 4,000 men work day and night at Kladow to build what probably will be the most complete and largest air city in the world.

Italy's air force estimates for 1935 amount to \$49,605,000 (approximately \$70,000,000) being 129,605,000 lire more than the provisional estimates.

France, in order to make her air fleet the equal of any other in Europe has given the Air Ministry an extra \$118,655,000 to establish an air force independent of the army and navy, and to build new and faster planes.

Northwest Strikes Halt Scab Cargoes

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 13.—Lumber and refrigerated vegetables are comparatively "dead" as far as this port is concerned, because of the highly effective strikes of the timber and sawmill workers and the Vancouver longshoremen. Odd loads are coming in from other countries, and a few from signed-up mills in the north, but no scab cargo is reaching Pedro.

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World Events and Western Workers

Filipino Workers Advance In Struggle For Liberation

By Emmett Kirby

May Uprising of Peasants, Workers, Revolt Against Slavery Conditions and New "Commonwealth" Betrayal—American Workers on Mainland Must Rally to Support of Colonial Struggle

* Aguinaldo.

But the Emilio Aguinaldo of 1898 and 1900 is but a legend. The Aguinaldo of today is not the general who led peasants and workers in an inspired rebellion through the mountains and jungles of Luzon at the turn of the century.

He is the man who betrayed that struggle to American imperialism, who murdered the proletarian general Andres Bonifacio, organizer of the successful revolution against the Spanish and Catholic church rule in 1896 and 1898. Bonifacio's picture is to be found in the huts of peasants in every part of the islands, and his memory is still hot in their hearts.

* Don Quizon.

That fighter of windmills, Don Quizon, who has spent years battling phrases in clauses of Philippine "independence" bills, swallowed the Tydings-McDuffie Bill without even a decent gulp. He pretends that the demands of the workers for the abolition of the poll tax (when they can not vote) and abolition of laws making the tenant farmers pay the landlord tax are but "glittering slogans," and that these political (and economic) issues should not be raised.

Don Quizon, big landlord, owner and investor in oil mills and so vitally interested in coconut oil export to the United States, obviously takes this stand of his class. That he is no friend of theirs is obvious to hundreds of thousands of Filipino workers who see he has betrayed them. The lessening of his support is seen in his future negotiations to work with—and control—Aguinaldo.

retain fortifications and bases in the Philippines is to him just, and should be accepted as proof of the "gratitude of the Filipino people for the advantages given them by the Americans."

His excuse is summed up in his statement that "You can not fight the American army. It is too strong. I tried it once and was defeated."

Fortunately for the liberation movement of the Philippines, those heroic armed workers who captured and held the town of San Ildefonso and from this base proclaimed the Philippine Republic May 3d—fortunately Aguinaldo's belief is his own opinion. They do not share it.

* American Advantages.

The American troops of the Manila garrison, 8,000 strong, were ready to take the field to support the constabulary and police and aid the reign of terror, but the Filipino workers do not say to themselves that "They are too strong." Instead, temporarily beaten, they retain and build their organizations for continuance of the struggle.

The revolt was unquestionably their answer to the "Commonwealth" which gave them nothing in answer in which this was but the first word, the opening battle of the agrarian anti-imperialist revolution.

* Less Than 25c a Day.

The overwhelming majority of the population of the islands is agrarian, one-third of whose laborers are women and girls. These agricultural laborers work not for a dollar a day, nor for fifty cents a day but for an average of less than 25c a day for men and 17c to 18c a day for women!

This is the benevolence perhaps, which Aguinaldo says the Fili-

pinos should be grateful!

These, of course, are the ones who are lucky enough to have a job. Hundreds of thousands are absolutely without any resources at all.

And the peasants themselves? The average cultivated area per family is slightly more than two and one-half acres, and the average income is less than \$50 a year. Less than \$1 a week!

But this is the gross income. From this must be taken all expenses—feed, tool replacements, etc. The figures are for the principal crops—rice, sugar and tobacco.

That the expenses are high is due to the fact that in almost all cases the farms are held by absentee landlords, and the tenant sharecroppers, getting usually half the crop, but paying half the expenses. Practically all farms are run by absentee landlords, who got the land from Spanish grants, or in phreanizing when these grants were re-registered under the American, or are held by the Catholic Church.

In addition, the tenant, NOT THE LANDLORD, must pay the taxes on the land.

Also, though the majority have no vote (only 1,700,000 out of a population of fourteen millions are registered voters), they must pay a "cedula" or poll tax.

Further, these peasants and workers are at the mercy of a most vicious system of usury upheld by the local political heads. This agent is a loan shark, an agent for the rich landowner, and police chief all in one. From them the serfs have no resource, and if they run away from their impossible debts they are returned to their boss, just as Negro slaves were in the Southern States before the Civil War. The system of slavery is perpetuated in some

cases through the sons and daughters being compelled to assume the debts left by a parent who escaped through death.

This, briefly, is the background of the rising—plus the fact that the peasants saw in the new Commonwealth no alleviation of their conditions. They fought for that.

* Sakdalistas.

The Sakdal organization was attributed with the leadership of the revolution. This outfit, whose leader Benigno Ramos, sought aid from imperialist Japan, started out four years ago under the influence of the passive Resistance policy of Gandhi which had great prestige throughout the Orient. But though founded by petty-bourgeois leaders ambitious to carve themselves political careers, it drew into its membership the remnants of the Tayug uprising of 1931. Having open, legal organization and a paper, it grew well. But within it a Left group of the 1931 fighters advocated armed uprising. The program was abolition of the poll tax and the land tax being paid by the peasants, better roads, schools and an unclear general demand for better social conditions for the workers.

Suppression of the Sakdal paper and organization preceded the uprising and show the policy of provocation and suppression of any organization of workers and peasants by American imperialism.

* Urge Soviets.

In this movement the Communist Party of the Philippines worked against the idea of appealing for Japanese support, but instead for an independent national revolutionary struggle for Soviets as the organs of armed insurrection. Through them could be laid the basis for the future democratic dictatorship of the workers and

peasants. Japanese aid meant simply appealing from one master to another. In some of the provinces where the fighting occurred, notably Laguna and Bulacan, the Communists are strong, and while official censorship has hidden how great was their part in the fight, we may safely know that it was considerable.

This struggle, though temporarily beaten, struck response in the hearts of the scores of thousands of Filipino workers in the United States. Many of these are in California.

* Action Demanded.

It is clear that the Communist Party of the Pacific Coast particularly should immediately take steps to aid that struggle. Filipino workers in the Salinas Valley lettuce fields last year and this showed their willingness to fight militantly for economic demands. Other struggles also have proven this. Their feeling for helping the workers in the Islands can be crystallized into organization that, together with the aid of American workers of the mainland, can render great aid to our brothers in the Islands.

Workers clubs of Filipinos can be established, mass meetings held where the events of the May uprising and the future struggle explained and the tactics of the Quezons, Osmentas and Aguinaldos exposed, and concrete assistance given.

The fight for the right of Filipinos to belong to the trade unions, and to equal pay for equal work, can bring their conditions forward a step in this country and raise the rank and file of the trade unions to a sympathetic support of this struggle.

This is our duty not only as Communists. It is a job before all class conscious workers. And until we do it more concretely and effectively, the phrase International Solidarity as between the workers of the mainland and the Philippines is but a phrase.

BUILD THE Western Worker ARMY

Sacramento, Stockton Increase Bundle Orders, Scharrenberg Exposure Brings In New Readers

Congratulations for your fine newspaper. You did good work in exposing Scharrenberg and showing the right path to the rank and file among the trade unions. I am sending my subscription for a year so I can keep posted on the truth about the labor front. Signed, J. S. San Francisco. Now that the fakers in the S. F. Labor Council have closed the meeting to the public, to prevent the exposure of their double-dealing, a subscription to the Western Worker is more necessary than ever before.

Results in our campaign to acquire 3,500 new readers by Labor Day, September 2, so far have been disappointing. We hope to publish the figures for the increase in circulation a week from now, so between now and then let's get a flock of subscriptions.

Santa Fe, New Mexico, has stopped its bundle order. They write that most of the workers there read Spanish and take the Spanish paper, while the others take the Daily Worker. New Mexico needs to read a Western paper which will print stories of working conditions there. If the New Mexico comrades would send in a few stories from their own state, they would be able to sell plenty of Western Workers. New Mexico has the second largest proportion of its population on relief rolls of any state in the Union, and certainly needs a paper which will fight for the third of the population living on relief. In a state where such incidents as the Gallup frame-up occur, a worker's paper can be sold, regardless of the poverty of the workers.

The working class won't be downed. Sacramento made some kind of record when eight comrades were railroaded to jail there for strike activities. But the terrorism merely made the workers spring back stronger than ever. Last issue we said they sent in four new subscriptions in two days. Now they have increased their bundle order. The workers who have had to pay the prices of McAllister and the rest of his crew of spies, stoolpigeons, etc., are waking up.

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The Menace of the Wagner Labor Bill

The "Supreme Court" of Labor As an Instrument to Outlaw Strikes and Enforce Arbitration—Would Be Aid to A. F. of L. Betrayers

In a previous article we pointed out that the Wagner Labor Disputes Bill would provide for a "Supreme Court of Labor," a board of three members to be appointed by the President, with the power to "settle" labor disputes—in more simple language, to break strikes. Should the board fail, however, the dispute could be taken to the Federal Courts, notorious labor hating bodies, who would be given the final say as to the supposed "facts" of the dispute.

However, the employers are given yet another recourse in their attempts to break strikes for cause (I) under Section 10 provides:

"The jurisdiction of the court (Federal Court), Ed. shall be exclusive and its judgement and decree shall be final, except that the same shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States upon writ of certiorari or certification as provided in Section 239 and 240 of the Judicial Code as amended (U. S. C., title 28, sections 346 and 347.)"

* The Supreme Court.

The U. S. Supreme Court, that court which recently ruled that pensions for railway workers, and in fact all social legislation, is "unconstitutional," then is to have the power to rule on strikes. The antilabor record of the Supreme Court can leave no doubt in the minds of the workers as to the nature of the rulings which this august body of nine graybeards, steeped in bourgeois tradition, can be expected to pass.

But, as if this were not enough, Senator Wagner, "labor's friend," has provided even more drastic methods, has given the employers even bigger sticks with which to force the workers back to their jobs. Read clause (I) under Section 13, for instance:

"Any member of the board shall have the power to subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of any evidence that relates to any matter under investigation or in question. Any member of the board, or any agent or agency designated by the board for such purpose may administer oaths and affirmations, examine witnesses and require evidence. Such attendance of witnesses and the production of such evidence may be required from any place in the United States or any territory or possession. . . ."

* The Teeth.

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All of which, stripped of its confusing—to the worker—legalistic wording means legalized stoolpigeoning. It means an organizer can, under threat of contempt of court, be compelled to testify against his union; a union worker can be compelled to testify against his organizer, his fellow trade unionists, or even against himself. Remembering that in the eyes of the numerous Labor Boards, the Federal Courts and the Supreme Court, even organizing, striking, or militant picketing are crimes—against the bosses and their state—it can be seen that this section of the Wagner Bill is dynamite in the hands of the employers and their tools.

* An AFL Betrayal.

Top bureaucrats of the American Federation of Labor had this measure as "labor's savior." They pretend to believe it will protect labor on strike. They are trying to shove it down the throats of millions of trade union workers. The fact of the matter is, it actually, in so many words, would il-

legalize all strikes under the pretense they "interfere with commerce." Section 11 of the measure reads:

"The several district courts of the United States are hereby invested with jurisdiction TO PREVENT AND RESTRAIN ANY UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE AFFECTING COMMERCE (emphasis ours, ed.); and it shall be the duty of the several district attorneys of the United States . . . under the direction of the Attorney General, but solely at the request of the National Labor Relations Board, to institute proceedings in equity to prevent and restrain any such unfair labor practice."

* Against Strikes.

The word "strike" is not mentioned. It need not be; but there is no reason whatever for believing that this section is not aimed at anything but strikes. What boss does not consider strikes "unfair labor practices?" Hasn't the Industrial Association in San Francisco continually accused the waterfront strikers of "unfairness?"

The net result to be expected if the Wagner Bill becomes a fact will be workers forced into company unions, strikes broken by legally constituted government authorities, dictatorial antilabor rulings by the Federal Courts, the Supreme Court and an employer-controlled "Supreme Court of Labor."

The union bureaucrats say the employers kept clause 7a of the NLR from being applied. But wait for the Wagner Bill!

The Wagner Bill must be killed. Trade unionists! Do not allow your leaders to betray on again! Refuse to endorse this strike-breaking bill! You have the power to kill it by your protest. Wagner and Roosevelt are interested only in preserving the profits of the employers—your bosses. Demand that your local protest against this measure!

Facts for Speakers

Bell Telephone Monopoly Shows Large Profits During Depression While Firing 115,000 Workers

The telephone industry of the United States is dominated by the Morgan-controlled Bell Telephone system, which is the American Telephone and Telegraph Company with the subsidiaries it owns. During the years of the depression it has made tremendous profits and paid its high officials huge salaries. It has at the same time paid its employees miserly wages, and cut their numbers by one-third. This is typical of the depression; while monopoly capital improves its position, the lot of the workers grows worse.

For six crisis years, 1929-34, the A. T. and T. earned \$1,349,000,000 or \$224,333,330 a year. With four billions of assets (according to the company's claims), it is the largest business enterprise in the capitalist world. In 1934 total net earnings were \$182,000,000, or \$14,000,000 more than in 1933. Actual profits exceed that; the figure is reached by allowing excessive amounts for depreciation, etc.

In 1933 Walter Gifford, president of the system, got a salary of \$206,000 according to an Interstate Commerce Commission study. Eighteen officials averaged \$48,000 each, and fifty-seven netted \$20,000 or more each.

In contrast to this the company fired its employees steadily. The number of workers on December 31, 1934 was 248,957, or 115,000 less than six years before. In 1933 Herbert Hoover appointed the company's president, Gifford, to head the National Committee on Unemployment Relief. During that year the telephone company fired 28,000 workers!

Legislature Adjourns in Sacramento

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which would not take effect until 1937, would provide no protection for those at present unemployed, and would furnish almost no protection to the employed. And the workers would have to pay for that insurance, instead of having the employers bear the burden.

* Budget Unbalanced.

Although the budget passed provided for record expenditures of \$376,000,000, it was far from being balanced. New taxes were needed to raise \$115,000,000, and in the opinion of Controller Riley, the taxes passed will fall far short of equaling estimates. In addition \$24,000,000 in relief bonds voted last November are almost entirely spent; the deficit of \$29,000,000 for the last two years is not to be made up; appropriations of \$24,000,000 for relief will last for only one of the next two years; and because of the failure to provide for construction of additions to institutions, a bond issue of \$13,950,000 is to be submitted to the vote of the people. This will bring the

total deficit in income compared to expenditures to well over a \$100,000,000.

* Shabby Record.

Among other failures of legislature was the defeat of Assembly Bill 419, for the repeal of the State Criminal Syndicalism Law. All laws providing for payment of prevailing wages, or limiting hours of work were killed. A measure providing that municipalities could acquire distributing systems for public utilities by sale of bonds financed out of the revenue from the system was vetoed by Merriam and failed to override his veto. This will free the utility monopolies from danger of competition which would force them to reduce their rates.

The antitrust bill, which would have prohibited injunctions aimed to break strikes, after passing the Assembly by a vote of 51 to 22, lost in the Senate by a vote of 27 to 8. The bill provided that courts could not restrain individuals from joining labor unions, stopping work, etc. Failure to pass it means that the courts will be used to break strikes as they have been in the past. Senator Snyder used the red scare to beat the bill, saying the radical element in labor would take advantage of the legislation, meaning that under it labor would be better able to strike for higher wages.

JULY 5TH MUST BE STEP TO UNITED FRONT OF UNIONS IN COMING MILITANT STRUGGLE

Labor's Memorial Day Should Bring Out Street Car Workers, Teamsters, for United Struggle on Their Demands

By Pat Calihan.

In order to fully understand the problems confronting us in the Marine Industry, and to fully recall to the minds of the workers, the significance of July 5th, it is necessary that we review the work of the Party in the past. Out of the experience gained during the Maritime and General Strike in San Francisco, we must outline a clear cut program of action against the efforts of the shipowners to break the Militant Maritime Unions and link our struggles on the Front with a determined fight against War and Fascism.

In July of 1932, under the leadership and guidance of the Party, there began the formation of a nucleus of the great struggle in San Francisco Port. One of the first steps was the issuing of a longshore bulletin, (the Waterfront Worker).

In the middle of 1933 a local of the I. L. A. was formed, in which the militants played an active and decisive role. The workers, faced with the betrayals of the I. L. A. District Committee and the sell out attempts of the International President Ryan, took the initiative and organized a West Coast Conference of all I. L. A. locals. Here the rank and file program was outlined, and the workers warned against arbitration as a scheme to defeat them.

Though the Roosevelt Government came to the aid of the shipowners and was able to postpone the strike in April, because of the militant leadership of the I. L. A. in San Francisco, the workers defeated the Ryan, Lewis attempt to sell them out through arbitration and struck on May 9th. By May 11 every port on the West Coast was tied up.

* Maritime Unity.

The unity of the seamen and the longshoremen involved all maritime unions. It was agreed that neither group should return to work without the other. The building of a joint strike committee of Seamen and Longshoremen was one of the most important elements in the success of the strike, and finally prevented the Shipowners from smashing the Maritime Unions, even after the misleadership of the A. F. L. bureaucrats backed the General Strike in the stack.

Other very important features were the appeal of the strikers to the Teamsters, and the response of the Teamsters not to haul seaboard. A further step in the correct policy was the taking up of demands of the Negro workers among the longshoremen. These correct tactics could be carried through because the strike of the Marine Workers was in the hands of the rank and file and their trusted leaders, under the guidance of the Party.

* Trickery Failed.

When the shipowners and the government could not break the strike through their trick maneuvers (the attempt of Ryan and the June 16th agreement), they decided to break the deadlock through force and violence and issued the "52an" "Open the Port at all Cost." The shipowners, aided by the Industrial Association, the Chamber of Commerce and Police inaugurated a bloody reign of terror against the striking Maritime Workers.

The police aimed to the teeth, repeatedly attacked the picket lines. The battle really started on July 3d. The police were concentrated on Pier 38, from which the first seaboard cargo emerged, but so were thousands of workers on the picket lines to prevent this move. Lincoln Hill was black with people.

The police formed a cordon for the seaboard to pass through, clearing the picket lines for blocks from the front. But the trucks that got by were met by the workers in the downtown section of the city, where five trucks were turned over or demolished, and the seaboard dumped on the streets.

* The Capitalist Press.

The newspapers cried out at the wanton attack on the seabs and the police, and consistently propagandized for the National Guard to be called in to "Maintain Peace and Order."

Early Thursday morning saw thousands of workers on the picket lines to see that no seaboard passed. The police, on the order of Mayor Rossi and the shipowners were determined to clear the Front and break the strike.

A vicious attack on the pickets was launched by the police, throwing tear gas bombs and shooting into the backs of the fleeing workers. The workers being chased from all points assembled at the I. L. A. hall, but the police still bent on murder, mobilized their forces and attacked the workers in the hall and on the streets.

It was during this strike that Frank Sperry and Nick Bordoio were murdered in cold blood. This wanton murder aroused the work-

ers throughout the city and resulted in the calling of the general strike.

* A Day of Struggle.

This year July 5th, thousands of workers will lay down tools in protest against the continued attacks on their unions, and as a demonstration of solidarity against the ship owners.

The Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast and the International Longshoremen's Association have made July 5th a day of struggle against the shipowners and their attempt to break the Maritime Unions, and in honor of those workers who gave their lives for the cause of labor.

* Involve All Unions.

Every effort must be made on the part of the Maritime Federation and the I. L. A. to draw in all unions and organizations to join in a mighty united front against the new offensive of the shipowners and the ever rising tide of fascism and war.

All unions who participated in the General Strike should immediately get in touch with the I. L. A. and Maritime Federation and help in making July 5th the greatest day for labor that the city of San Francisco has yet seen. Down tools and join the workers on the Waterfront in their fight against the Shipowners and the Industrial Association.

The militants in the street car unions should prepare now to organize the men to tie up all transportation in the city, for two hours in protest against the one man cars.

Pickets should be placed on all docks, and prevent the shipping of cargo.

A night mass meeting must be held and then there a determined fight for the repeal of the C. S. Act launched. The demand for the death penalty for the murder of Moroney must be made. A determined fight against the vigilantes in Jackson and other parts of the country must be organized by the United Front Defense Committee of Organizations.

* Answer the Shipowners.

On July 5th, the workers of the Maritime Unions must answer the shipowners cry of breaking the agreement, by bringing forward more energetically the question of job action, against the return of the speedup and heavy loads.

On July 5th, the tricky maneuvers of all laborers in the Maritime Unions must be brought forward, so that they will stand exposed before the great mass of workers.

We must make clear the role of the Communist Party, in the building of militant trade unions, and not hide the face of the Party to those thousands of workers, who have followed the line of the Party in struggle. An intensive drive must be made on the part of Party members to recruit more workers into the Communist Party on the Waterfront, and thereby guarantee the continuance of the militant policy in their unions.

We must firmly root ourselves in the ranks of the workers on the Waterfront and bring forward the program of our Party in their fight for higher wages and better living conditions. We must bring forward to the masses of these workers the necessity of a proper kind of Labor Party.

Examiner Needs Subs and Carrier Boys Need Shoes

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I.S.U. Reactionaries Refuse Roy Hudson Union Membership

NEW YORK, June 17—Roy Hudson, former secretary of the Marine Workers Industrial Union until the time of its decision to merge with the International Seamen's Union, was officially denied membership in the I.S.U.

Victor Olander, secretary-treasurer of the I.S.U., returned Hudson's application with the statement "the records relating to your extremely antagonistic attitude toward the International Seamen's Union of America," as reason for refusing to admit Hudson into the organization.

Hudson, in making his application, pointed out that the M.W.I. U. always had fought for unity of all seamen and cited the dissolution of the organization as an example of the sincerity of its leaders in the fight to bring about real unity.

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By Terry Casey.

BRIGHT SAYINGS
OF CHILDREN

"I am too busy to consider the Mooney case." —Gov. Merriam.

The meetings of the San Francisco Labor Council will henceforth be closed to the public. Vandenberg gives as the excuse that so many workers come to watch that sometimes some of them take the delegates' seats.

It would be just as easy to rearrange the seating, or hold the meetings in a bigger hall, but machines never do maneuver well in the midst of crowds.

"OFFICE WORKERS JOIN TOLEDO STRIKE OF ELECTRICIANS"—Headline in an S. F. paper. Apparently they saw the light when the lights went out.

There has been so much talk and so little action in the matter of saving the "Star of Finland" to the exposition that the public is beginning to wonder which is the windjammer—the supervisors or the sailing ship.

The little wooden soldiers that flood the Xmas market are now getting their counterpart in North China where when you look at their backs you see the label "Made In Japan," too.

Ramsay MacDonald was "succeeded" by Stanley Baldwin two weeks ago but nobody can see the difference.

We did not realize Wall Street's influence was so strong in Shanghai that they were importing American in all things, until we read the other day of new bank crashes.

THE TRUTH WILL OUT
"Political Prisoners in Saarland concentration camps were set free today in accordance with the amnesty decreed on May Day." —Misprint in Philadelphia paper.

I believe, too, that individualism and the profit system will prevail, which means an opportunity for every man and woman to live his or her own life, working toward financial independence by industry and theft." —Misprint in Albany paper.

College diplomas are now smaller than they used to be.
But they are still not a lot in the eyes of the graduate as a work order.

Unemployed League
Sets Minimum Wage
For Field Workers

LOS ANGELES, June 17. — Fifty cents per hour as minimum wages for agricultural work was voted by the County Council, Public Works Unemployed League at a recent meeting.

The L. M. R. is paying this wage rate on garden plots now, and many workers are finding it difficult to exist on this scale. The County Council, therefore, insisted that pay scale lower than this would be tolerated in the field.

Attempts of ranchers from the San Fernando Valley to force workers into the fields at 25¢ an hour or less have been defeated.

Italian Anti-War
Fighter Slugged
At Druids' Picnic

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13. — Dr. Fauci, local Italian fascist agent of War and Fascism, both here and in Italy, was severely injured last Sunday while talking at the Druids picnic when a member of the audience, later identified as an Italian fascist, struck him in the back of the head.

Fauci, who was one of the speakers at the recent Congress Against War and Fascism held here, now is in the hospital recovering from the injuries. He is well known among the Italian workers here for his anti-fascist, anti-war talks each week over radio station KROW.

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RECOMMENDED ENTERTAINMENT—STAGE AND SCREEN

SAN FRANCISCO.—Peace on Earth, Theater Union Play at the Neighborhood Playhouse, 1749 Clay street. Probably last week. REQUIRED SEEING. 40 cents. Nightly at 8 o'clock.

"TOBACCO ROAD", at the Curran. Erskine Caldwell's play about Southern tenant farmers. The tragedy of several million people playing fourth week to snickers at "obscenity" and laughs at bitter humor. If you can stand the audiences O.K. If you are looking for solutions don't go.

FLASHBACKS AND FLICKERS

The St. Francis "Oil For the Lamps of China" (not long ago reviewed in the New Masses) glorifies the "adventurous" efforts of faithful Standard Oil employees in extending American capitalism in China. You can imagine what the movies do to this theme.

Last Friday night the San Francisco Police again saved the United States from a revolution. Only this time it did not require an addition to the force of three

gigantes in the form of newly appointed police captains, as in the case of the General Strike (according to Chief Quinn).

The sidewalk before the Neighborhood Playhouse, where "Peace on Earth" is playing, was sprinkled with brave bluecoats anxious to save their country from civil war at the hands of George Sklar and Albert Maltz, the playwrights who at the moment were several thousand miles away.

Quite pleased by the "protection" offered, the audience poured into the theatre. Also viewing the play were several of the flatfoots. In passive to most of the action, they laughed gleefully at the drunk scene in which the anti-war professor is nearly lynched.

UNFINISHED SYMPHONY

This film, now at the St. Francis, should be seen by all photographers and those studying to make motion pictures. A generally dull and ineffective film rendition of the well-known story of Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, it is relieved only in spots by extremely imaginative use of the camera. Included also are several of the best "montage" combinations of shots we have ever seen.

Schubert was a poor assistant schoolmaster who lived in the early part of the nineteenth century. His songs, incorporating some of the ancient folk music of the Austrians, were popular favorites while he was alive, but comparatively unknown. The film is concerned with his love affair with a daughter of the nobility, the Countess Elisabeth, and his relation to his unfinished symphony. The "fourth" is of course not the struggle of a composer of the desired lower classes to obtain recognition of his genius, although the class relationship is surprisingly clear in the film.

No indeed. The conflict is—guess what? Right again. You can always depend on Hollywood—and in this case British Gaumont—to make the conflict between Schubert and the Countess Elisabeth.

HEALTH AND THE CLASS STRUGGLE

By the
WESTERN WORKER

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two loves for possession of his marital service.

Of course, even this can be done very convincingly, so that we become really absorbed in which girl is going to get him. After all, all of the most entertaining Hollywood pictures are built around themes of this sort, or equally shallow. But in the case of "Unfinished Symphony" nobody seems real and few of the situations seem valid enough to move us.

A really fine talent has been at work on this film in many of the technical devices used to enhance its moods. The fade-in of the singers into separate pipes on the organ; the beautiful shot of a field of wheat bending in the wind; and many other fine instances of remarkably sensitive motion picture sense.

Especially notable is the method of illustrating music by means of visual representation of the composer's ideas and experiences. This is a method that must eventually become tremendously developed and perhaps fill a great human need for the deepest appreciation of certain kinds of music. In one of the shorts accompanying "Chapayev" a similar idea was presented, in this case pure symbolism being used instead of naturalistic scenes. Both methods have marvelous possibilities for developing new aesthetic and intellectual experiences.

In the revolutionary film the notion of interpreting music with pictures can be made extremely useful. At first thought it seems to be without many of the pitfalls of ordinary filmwork, which consists in interpreting pictures with sound.

"The Deserter", Soviet Film, to Be Shown in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—The Soviet all-talking film, "The Deserter", will be shown at 121 Market St. on June 23 and 24 at 8 P. M. San Francisco workers should not fail to see this drama which is directed by Pudovkin.

The story of the film deals with a strike on the waterfront in a German city. The strikers elect a committee to visit the Soviet Union. One of the committee decides to stay—and he is the deserter.

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Communism Takes Reins
From A Decaying System

Technique Is Mastered By Peoples of Soviet Union and New Era Begins As Floundering Fascism Fails to Drown World Problems In Blood and Terror

By Karl Radek.

Stalin's speech to the graduates from the Red Army Academies has aroused wide comments in the international press. Some of the newspapers consider that this speech is a report of great victories, achieved by the Soviet Power and the methods of completing these victories. For how can we judge the conquering of the famine in the sphere of technique in a country that was but recently backward, and almost penniless and ruined, if it is not a tremendous victory? What besides a report of great victories is the statement of Stalin that "We have already an excellent and powerful industry, a mighty and mechanized agriculture, transport which is developing and going ahead, a Red Army which is thoroughly organized and extremely well armed?"

Not long ago I had a conversation with a representative of the old intellectual humanitarianism. He pointed out the increase in the brutal tendencies of fascism which convert a man into a little cog in the military machine. Later he said with a wry smile: "We are not accusing you, because the war danger makes you deaden the impulses of your heart. But we cannot help seeing that circumstances are compelling you to join the war camp, or if you will excuse my frankness, the barracks. The human being is disappearing throughout the world, and when one military machine smashes another on the field of battle or both of them are blown up into the air, then some phantasmic being in gas masks, covered with armour, will seek the grave of the last unknown man."

But, scream other bourgeois papers, led by the fascist Angriff, Stalin was "forced to admit" that the USSR has not sufficient trained people, that "we have entered a new period of famine in the sphere of people, in the sphere of skilled workers, in the sphere of workers capable of mastering technique and carrying it forward." These bourgeois papers gloat over the statement of Stalin that "Technique is dead unless there are people who understand technique."

No Comfort For Bosses.

We do not advise these gentlemen to comfort themselves with the idea that our technique is dead, that it is technique without people. You cannot make ten million tons of iron without people who understand technique.

Such complicated machines as modern bombing planes, pursuit planes and tanks, not to speak of machine construction in this country cannot be made without people who understand technique. Any one who underestimated the level reached by Soviet technique and who, basing his hopes on our technical famine, were to try to make a practical test as to how dead is our technique, would risk it breaking over his head, not in the manner of a breakdown, but in the manner of conscious action guided by people.

In speaking of our shortage of people, Stalin expressed the growth of our demands, the growth of our needs. We want to conquer technique completely, to increase its success tenfold so as to get from it all that it can give. Our industry, our collective farms, our army, are all growing in accordance with the growing needs of the country, and they require new tens of thousands of people and even hundreds of thousands completely understanding modern technique. Basing himself on the liquidation of the famine in technique, the leader of the revolution brings forward the task of liquidating the famine in skilled people as a new and central task. And he expresses this task, which is a hundred times easier to solve than the liquidation of the technical famine, with the greatest force, simplicity and warmth, stating that "we must first learn to value our people, our cadres, every worker who can be of use to our common cause."

Bolsheviks Can Do It.

If anyone doubts that we shall solve this task, we would remind him of the joy with which a considerable part of the world bourgeoisie press followed up the information in our press about the infantile disorders of the starting period of the Stalingrad Tractor Plant. The late Berlin "Vorwaerts" the Social Democratic echo of the bourgeoisie, gloated that the Bolsheviks had bought machines, promulgated a new religion of machines and did not know how to start them working. But the Stalingrad Tractor Plant is now working without a hitch. And the Stalingrad workers, engineers and technicians have mastered the production of tractors just as the technicians of Bobriki have mastered the production of nitrates, a thing never before heard of in Russia, while the Moscow workers were equal to the job of building the Metro in the most difficult geological conditions. The Soviet workers have already shown that there are no fortresses which Bolsheviks cannot capture, and Stalin's slogan on the production of huge numbers of new technical cadres will be carried out just as all the slogans of the great leader of the peoples of the Soviet Union were carried out.

Care For People.

This is, so to speak, the business side of the matter. But Stalin's speech means not only an increased struggle for the production of new technical cadres. It is also remarkable from the general historical point of view. In

this speech could be heard with mighty force a doctrine about people, about love for them, about care for them. To the bourgeoisie press this sounds strange from the mouth of the Bolsheviks in general and from the mouth of the iron leader of the Bolsheviks in particular. The bourgeois papers pretend that care about people has been the main feature of the history of capitalism while for Communism the word "people" has been forgotten. They laugh at themselves without realizing it.

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Red Barracks.

Instead of replying I led him to one of our barracks. We spent several hours there and took a look at the work and life of the Red Army men, their labor and rest. And he understood that although the barrack building was old, it was not the old gray cattle, the cannon fodder who were living in it, but conscious people who were voluntarily observing discipline because they understood victory to be impossible without it. Later we went to one of our big factories, and there the melancholy humanitarian saw thousands of new people who had formerly only known their own village with its old church building and its antediluvian plow but now they have not only learned to work on complicated machines but they are learning mathematics and physics and publishing a factory literary newspaper.

A New Great Epoch.

I do not know whether any humanitarian understood that he had the possibility of looking through a little crack to see the beginning of a new great epoch in the rebirth of mankind. I do not know whether this humanitarian succeeded in tracing in his mind the line leading from the people of bourgeois relations to the people of socialist relations. But this line can be seen by every one whose mind can embrace the history of mankind.

Then, at the dawn of capitalist development, a generation of strong men arose who broke the barriers of medieval thought in order to open up a wide space for new productive forces. The bourgeois epoch of the Renaissance produced a series of great minds of brilliant talents. But the glitter of this epoch cannot conceal the fact that it simultaneously produced a series of cruel potentates, hiring condottieri and unprincipled adventurers. And Michael Angelo, and Leonardo de Vinci, and Durer and More were all

blood brother of the Borgias. The new personality which was born on the eve of modern history rested firmly on the new forms of increased exploitation of the masses of the people.

The bourgeois personality contained the prerequisites for enslaving the untutored masses and they gagged and fettered the masses as soon as they dared to dream of the development of their own personality. And if the fascists today, in their efforts to perpetuate the division of mankind into blue blood and common blood, knights and vassals, claim that they are the heirs to the Renaissance, we may say: Fascism will never create that galaxy of brilliant minds that was formed by the young bourgeoisie, because it does not represent an effort to advance, even through a sea of blood, but an effort to save decaying capitalism.

Old Divisions.

But the division of the world into an inarticulate mass driven by hunger and whips, and people who assert their personality in Caesarian slave dreams and the actions of a slave owner—this division existed at the cradle of capitalism. Monopolist capitalism has only increased the tendency in capitalism in general to enslave the masses of mankind. Socialism roused the masses to the fight in revolutionary fights, the greatest discipline and determination are needed. In a revolutionary war, as in every war, the claims of humanitarianism are pushed into the background. But the victory of the masses of the people is impossible unless in any war there is no developed recognition of the aims for which they are fighting and the recognition of the path leading to victory. The masses who begin the fight, becoming more conscious every day, are developing all the human qualities of their members and are becoming a mass of rich individuals.

This took place at the beginning of the revolution in which yesterday's deserter from the imperialist war grew into a hero of the Civil war, yesterday's shepherd into a commander. This takes place a hundred fold move in the present peaceful war against poverty, against backwardness, in the present peaceful war for the construction of socialism. And when the masses of the USSR are forced to defend their country, the country of socialism in construction against the barbarians of decaying capitalism, this army of defenders of the new life will not only be the most disciplined army but will be the army impregnated with rich individualism, putting all the best qualities of mankind into motion for the defense of mankind.

New Day.

And when we read the speech of Stalin with the greatest excitement, his call for the mobilization of people, we see in this not only the slogan of a new stage of the struggle, but together with our teacher, through the fires of the future battles, through the brilliant light radiated from molten steel, through clouds of gas by which we shall defend our socialist fatherland from the bombs of enemy aviation, we shall see the wonderful old picture of Walter Crane—on a meadow, under a high oak tree, happily people will celebrate the new May of Mankind.



By Lou McLean.

Reviewed by Lou McLean
I LOVE—by Avdeyenko—International Publishers, 283 pp., \$1.10.

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MOSCOW CARROUSEL — By Eugene Lyons.

Reviewed by Ella Winter.

This book about Moscow gives a number of anecdotes about tourists, foreigners, valuta girls, the left-overs, the "heretics," the "renegades" and all those discontented white guards who have never accepted the Soviet regime and write romances about it to the Hearst press. If Eugene Lyons, who has been United Press correspondent for six years in Soviet Russia, had called his book "Moscow Whiteguard Carrousel" there would be no complaint to make. For it shows up these people very well—a girl who cares more for silk stockings than for a new and decent social order, a man who would gladly have thirty-two ser-

vants squeezed into one basement room while he and his wife and son occupied the twenty-eight rooms of the mansion—as one capitalist in Moscow did—and those who, understanding and caring so little for the greatest historical event in centuries, run around complaining of the quality of shoes and underwear. These people Lyons has shown up in all their unconscious narrowness, their small-mindedness; he has exposed their souls. The only trouble is that with his eyes on the American Hearst reader, Lyons has not had the integrity to say that this is not Soviet Russia, any more than Barbara Hutton, or Mayor Rossi are America.

Mr. Lyons in his six years in the Soviet Union seems to have met remarkably few true Soviet citizens, intelligent party workers, people who have studied and understand dialectical materialism, girls who love their men because they love them and not because they have a room. One cannot help an uncomfortable feeling that if the Cosmopolitan Magazine and Saturday Evening Post paid their large prices for pro-Soviet instead of anti-Soviet articles, Mr. Lyons' memory for the many fine flowers of Soviet culture might have been better.

"Waiting for Lefty"
Will Show in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17. — The local New Theatre group has just acquired the rights to "Waiting for Lefty," the famous play on the New York Taxicab strike which has been banned and censored more than any other play in the history of the American theater. Rehearsals have begun on both "Waiting for Lefty" and "God's In His Heaven," another short worker's drama.

The group plans to present both plays during the first weeks in July.

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